

Columbia, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Coös
Colebrook, NH-VT LMA, NH part
Great North Woods
North Country Council
Coös Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 1
Coös County District 1

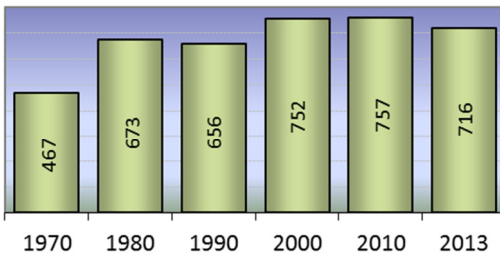
Incorporated: 1797

Origin: Columbia was first chartered in 1762, and named Preston for Richard Graham, Viscount Preston of Scotland. The original grantees were a group of members of the Society of Friends from Long Island. The town was regranted in 1770 due to grantees failing to meet the prescribed terms, and renamed Cockburntown, after Sir James Cockburn of Scotland, as was so incorporated in 1797. It kept that name until 1811, when Governor John Langdon renamed the town Columbia in the spirit of patriotism preceding the War of 1812.

Villages and Place Names: Bungy, Cones, Georges, Meriden Hill, Tinkerville

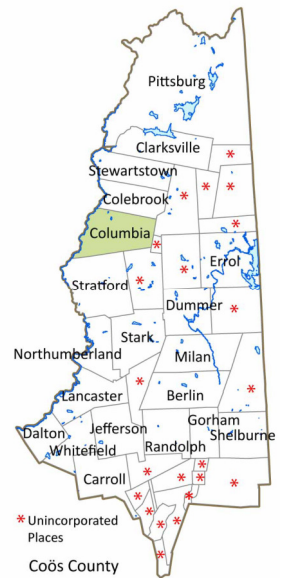
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 34 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Columbia totaled 259 over 53 years, from 457 in 1960 to 716 in 2013.



The largest decennial percent change was a 44 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, a numeric increase of 206. The 2013 Census estimate for Columbia was 716 residents, which ranked 206th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 11.7 persons per square mile of land area. Columbia contains 61.2 square miles of land area and 0.06 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$349,588
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$1,704,383
Zoning Ordinance	1971/10
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; School
Appointed:	Conservation

Public Library **No Library**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	No
Fire Department	No
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook	5 miles 16

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	Limited
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Limited
	Residential Limited

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.58
2013 Equalization Ratio	103.5
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.50
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	69.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	26.5%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2009-2013)</i>	
Total Housing Units	515
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	415
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	8
Five or More Units in Structure	2
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	90

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	716	32,141
2010	757	33,055
2000	752	33,156
1990	656	34,879
1980	673	35,014
1970	467	34,189

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013

Population by Gender		
Male	362	Female 354

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	38
Age 5 to 19	130
Age 20 to 34	53
Age 35 to 54	242
Age 55 to 64	86
Age 65 and over	167
Median Age	47.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	81.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	17.5%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2009-2013)</i>	
Per capita income	\$27,993
Median family income	\$60,417
Median household income	\$48,750
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$39,286
Female	\$30,139
Individuals below the poverty level	16.6%

LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	402	340
Employed	377	319
Unemployed	25	21
Unemployment rate	6.2%	6.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	19	51
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 521	\$ 907
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	2	6
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 307	\$ 854
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	21	57
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 499	\$ 901

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are tuitioned to Colebrook**
 Career Technology Center(s): **None in Region 01**

District: **SAU 7**
 Region: **1**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Berlin**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

OLARGEST BUSINESSES**PRODUCT/SERVICE****EMPLOYEES****ESTABLISHED**

Bengston Tool & Die Co.	Machine shop		1966
Blue Mountain Variety	Convenience store		
Columbia Home & Building Supply Inc	Retail sales of building supplies		
Columbia Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Aggregate		

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91 (VT), Exit 28; Aut-55 (QC), Exit 21	
Distance	45 miles; 46 miles	

Railroad	State owned line
Public Transportation	No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation	
Gifford Field, Colebrook	Runway 2,440 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids? No

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service	
Portland (ME) International	Distance 139 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	13

Driving distance to select cities:	
Manchester, NH	178 miles
Portland, Maine	128 miles
Boston, Mass.	228 miles
New York City, NY	386 miles
Montreal, Quebec	133 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	76.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.8%
Public transportation	0.5%
Walked	2.2%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	7.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	32.7 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	17.0
Commuting to another NH community	80.3
Commuting out-of-state	2.7

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Balsams Wilderness
	Other: Camps